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IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT
DIVISION FOUR

THE PEOPLE,

Plaintiff and Respondent,

v.

CALVIN L. HAYSLETT,

Defendant and Appellant.

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(Super. Ct. No. YA037199)

APPEAL from a judgment of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County,
Francis J. Hourigan III, Judge. Affirmed.

Cynthia L. Barnes, under appointment by the Court of Appeal, for
Defendant and Appellant.

Bill Lockyer, Attorney General, Robert R. Anderson, Chief Assistant
Attorney General, Pamela C. Hamanaka, Senior Assistant Attorney General,
Margaret E. Maxwell and Noah P. Hill, Deputy Attorneys General, for Plaintiff
and Respondent.

Appellant Calvin L. Hayslett beat his girlfriend, breaking her jaw, knocking her teeth in, and cutting her forehead. The trial court found that appellant committed the assault with intent to commit sodomy. Appellant contends the evidence was insufficient to prove that specific intent. For reasons explained in this opinion, we affirm the judgment.

FACTUAL SUMMARY

The evidence, briefly recounted in the light most favorable to the verdict, proved that in the early morning hours of May 25, 1998¹, appellant beat Chantelyn Fields after she refused his request for anal sex. Appellant made the request while the two were in bed together. Ms. Fields tried to distract him by going to the bathroom, but appellant accompanied her and waited for her to finish using the toilet. When she stood up, appellant turned her body so that her back was toward him. Ms. Fields forced her way around to face appellant. Appellant began beating her, hitting her on the face and head with his hands. Struggling, Ms. Fields managed to escape from the bathroom and the apartment. She ran

¹ The preliminary hearing in this matter was held nearly eight months after the crime was committed. After appellant's arraignment in superior court, the court declared a doubt as to appellant's mental competence to stand trial. In May 1999, criminal proceedings were adjourned and appellant was committed to the California Department of Mental Health for placement in a state hospital after the court found he was not competent to stand trial within the meaning of Penal Code section 1368 and not amenable to treatment at the community level. Criminal proceedings were reinstated on May 10, 2000. The matter was called for trial on August 31, 2000. At that time appellant's counsel declared his belief appellant was not competent to stand trial and was unable to assist in his defense. After receiving the report of an expert appointed to evaluate appellant's condition, the court again adjourned criminal proceedings. Appellant was again ordered committed for placement in a state hospital. Criminal proceedings were reinstated on March 2, 2001. Court trial commenced on July 25, 2001. No issue is raised in this appeal concerning these proceedings.

down the stairs screaming, “Somebody help me. Help me.” A neighbor called the police.

Ms. Fields admitted a history of physical violence including an altercation in January 1998 in which she threw a chair at a man and wielded a broken table leg against the man’s windows and doors, an incident in August 1998 in which she was arrested for hitting a 10-year-old child in the eye, and an occasion in August 1996 when she hit the father of her child on the face and chest.

DISCUSSION

Appellant contends the evidence was insufficient to prove that he assaulted the victim with the specific intent to commit sodomy. As appellant reads the record, the evidence proved only that he beat the victim “because she refused to participate in an act of anal sex.” This evidence, appellant argues, did not prove that he assaulted the victim with the intent to commit sodomy.

Our review of this issue does not turn on whether the evidence might have supported a reasonable inference other than the one drawn by the trier of fact. We determine only whether, on the entire record, a rational trier of fact could find the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. In making this determination we view the entire record in the light most favorable to the judgment. (*People v. Stanley* (1995) 10 Cal.4th 764, 792.)

Applying that test, we find ample evidentiary support for the court’s verdict. Ms. Fields testified: “I refused the anal sex. And I just started—I refused the anal sex, so I—was struggling, you know, turning myself back around toward him, face to face. [¶] That’s when he started hitting me on the head. . . . I was -- fighting – resisting I wasn’t going to let it happen.” The reasonable inference supported by this evidence is that appellant intended to beat Ms. Fields into submission. This

evidence constituted substantial evidence that appellant assaulted Ms. Fields with the intent to sodomize her.

DISPOSITION

For the foregoing reasons, the judgment is affirmed.

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VOGEL (C.S.), P.J.

We concur:

EPSTEIN, J.

HASTINGS, J.